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**STATE WILDLIFE AGENCIES TO RECEIVE \$356.7 MILLION  
FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROJECTS**

State wildlife agencies will soon receive \$356.7 million raised from excise taxes paid by hunters and anglers which will support fish and wildlife restoration and recreation projects in 1994, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt announced today.

The Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will distribute the funds under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs, helping to pay for thousands of wildlife conservation and recreation projects throughout the United States and its territories.

"America's 40 million anglers and hunters have been the backbone of conservation in this country for nearly 60 years," Babbitt said. "Their monetary contributions have made possible the proper management of wildlife and its habitat and opened the way for millions of Americans to enjoy the great outdoors."

Since the 1930s, projects funded under the Federal Aid program have been largely responsible for the recovery of many of America's most-beloved species including white-tailed deer, wild turkey, elk, and pronghorn.

"The future of our nation's fish and wildlife resources depends on our willingness to conserve them." U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Mollie Beattie said. "Through the Federal Aid program, hunters and anglers have done more than their share to ensure future generations will be able to enjoy our natural heritage."

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A total of \$182.1 million will be apportioned to the states under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson program after its congressional sponsors.

The money is derived from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is made available for state hunter education programs.

Projects include acquisition and improvement of wildlife habitat, introduction of wildlife into suitable habitat, surveys and inventories of wildlife, acquisition and development of wildlife-related recreational facilities, and hunter education programs, including construction and operation of public shooting ranges.

Another \$174.6 million will be passed along under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, often called the Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux program.

This funding results from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The "Wallop-Breaux" legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal motorboat fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Projects funded under this program include acquisition and improvement of sport fish habitat, stocking of fish, research into fishery resource problems, surveys and inventories of sport fish populations, and acquisition and development of boat ramps, fishing piers, and other recreational facilities.

In the past 60 years, the two Federal Aid programs have raised more than \$4 billion for fish and wildlife conservation, management, and recreation projects. This year's \$356.7 million total represents the highest annual total ever.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are distributed based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

The attached tables show the allocation of the final apportionments for fiscal year 1994.

**FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN FISH RESTORATION FUNDS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994**

ALABAMA	2,649,480
ALASKA	8,731,436
ARIZONA	3,540,028
ARKANSAS	2,957,066
CALIFORNIA	8,731,436
COLORADO	4,255,261
CONNECTICUT	1,746,287
DELAWARE	1,746,287
FLORIDA	4,493,542
GEORGIA	3,272,701
HAWAII	1,746,287
IDAHO	2,932,543
ILLINOIS	3,700,644
INDIANA	2,714,916
IOWA	2,392,275
KANSAS	2,607,378
KENTUCKY	2,695,508
LOUISIANA	2,957,392
MAINE	1,746,287
MARYLAND	1,869,463
MASSACHUSETTS	1,746,287
MICHIGAN	6,691,928
MINNESOTA	6,567,391
MISSISSIPPI	2,347,987
MISSOURI	4,388,643
MONTANA	4,055,086
NEBRASKA	2,214,794
NEVADA	2,598,287
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,746,287
NEW JERSEY	1,746,287
NEW MEXICO	3,121,301
NEW YORK	4,555,917
NORTH CAROLINA	2,646,251
NORTH DAKOTA	1,746,287
OHIO	4,427,374
OKLAHOMA	3,404,751
OREGON	4,189,042
PENNSYLVANIA	4,488,582
RHODE ISLAND	1,746,287
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,998,863
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,071,197
TENNESSEE	3,511,360
TEXAS	8,731,436
UTAH	3,026,132
VERMONT	1,746,287
VIRGINIA	2,564,885
WASHINGTON	4,223,313
WEST VIRGINIA	1,746,287
WISCONSIN	5,702,903
WYOMING	2,734,302
PUERTO RICO	1,746,287
GUAM	582,096
VIRGIN ISLAND	582,096
AMERICAN SAMOA	582,096
MARIANA ISLAND	582,096
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	582,096
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>174,628,718</b>

FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE  
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994

STATE	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	2,369,237	878,412	3,247,649
ALASKA	7,234,636	373,884	7,608,520
ARIZONA	3,299,202	796,810	4,096,012
ARKANSAS	2,568,257	373,884	2,942,141
CALIFORNIA	5,215,645	1,121,652	6,337,297
COLORADO	3,674,619	716,192	4,390,811
CONNECTICUT	723,464	714,609	1,438,073
DELAWARE	723,464	373,884	1,097,348
FLORIDA	2,192,805	1,121,652	3,314,457
GEORGIA	2,924,474	1,121,652	4,046,126
HAWAII	723,464	373,884	1,097,348
IDAHO	2,967,476	373,884	3,341,360
ILLINOIS	2,699,352	1,121,652	3,821,004
INDIANA	2,299,150	1,121,652	3,420,802
IOWA	2,476,525	603,658	3,080,183
KANSAS	2,670,496	373,884	3,044,380
KENTUCKY	2,279,475	801,173	3,080,648
LOUISIANA	2,280,138	917,410	3,197,548
MAINE	1,671,829	373,884	2,045,713
MARYLAND	929,661	1,039,477	1,969,138
MASSACHUSETTS	723,464	1,121,652	1,845,116
MICHIGAN	6,438,900	1,121,652	7,560,552
MINNESOTA	4,289,890	951,134	5,241,024
MISSISSIPPI	2,392,731	559,410	2,952,141
MISSOURI	3,977,361	1,112,437	5,089,798
MONTANA	4,488,983	373,884	4,862,867
NEBRASKA	2,493,136	373,884	2,867,020
NEVADA	2,728,707	373,884	3,102,591
NEW HAMPSHIRE	723,464	373,884	1,097,348
NEW JERSEY	723,464	1,121,652	1,845,116
NEW MEXICO	3,156,314	373,884	3,530,198
NEW YORK	4,477,924	1,121,652	5,599,576
NORTH CAROLINA	2,761,133	1,121,652	3,882,785
NORTH DAKOTA	2,028,361	373,884	2,402,245
OHIO	3,262,876	1,121,652	4,384,528
OKLAHOMA	2,784,269	683,841	3,468,110
OREGON	3,589,751	617,912	4,207,663
PENNSYLVANIA	6,135,117	1,121,652	7,256,769
RHODE ISLAND	723,464	373,884	1,097,348
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,603,607	757,999	2,361,606
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,465,629	373,884	2,839,513
TENNESSEE	3,583,757	1,060,286	4,644,043
TEXAS	7,234,636	1,121,652	8,356,288
UTAH	2,941,126	373,884	3,315,010
VERMONT	723,464	373,884	1,097,348
VIRGINIA	2,580,099	1,121,652	3,701,751
WASHINGTON	2,701,971	1,058,005	3,759,976
WEST VIRGINIA	1,777,300	373,884	2,151,184
WISCONSIN	4,648,340	1,063,456	5,711,796
WYOMING	2,922,025	373,884	3,295,909
PUERTO RICO	723,464	0	723,464
GUAM	241,155	62,314	303,469
VIRGIN ISLAND	241,155	62,314	303,469
AMERICAN SAMOA	241,155	62,314	303,469
MARIANA ISLAND	241,155	62,314	303,469
TOTAL	144,692,716	37,388,401	182,081,117